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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY

REFERENCES: A. OSLO 3658

B. OSLO 3661

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERALLY APPROVES SCHEDULE CONTAINED
REFERENCE A, WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS AND COMMENTS.

2. WE NOTE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL MEET DEPUTY SECRETARY
ON ARRIVAL IN OSLO ON SEPT. 7. WILL PRESS BE PRESENT,
AND WILL ARRIVAL STATEMENT BE NECESSARY? DEPUTY SECRETARY
WOULD PREFER NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT BUT WOULD WISH TO BE
PREPARED IF ONE IS EXPECTED.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME FOR
MEETING WITH COUNTRY TEAM (SCHEDULED AT 0830 WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER TO ARRIVE AT 0900). COULD MEETING WITH COUNTRY
TEAM BE HELD OVER BREAKFAST TO BEGIN AT APPROXIMATELY 0800?

4. DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD PREFER SEPARATE MEETING WITH U.S.
BUSINESSMEN RATHER THAN JOINING AMERICAN CLUB LUNCHEON
ON SEPT. 9. THEREFORE, HE OPTS FOR ALTERNATIVE 1, I.E.

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BREAKFAST WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN AT 0800 ON SEPT. 9. IF
EMBASSY WISHES, IT WOULD BE QUITE ACCEPTABLE TO INCLUDE
NORWEGIANS REPRESENTING AMERICAN FIRMS. LOU

SITE FOR BREAKFAST MEETING CAN BE ANYWHERE THAT SEEMS MOST CONVENIENT FROM EMBASSY'S VIEW POINT.

5. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT TV APPEARANCE. BEFORE MAKING DECISION, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT FORMAT. BY "FIVE MINUTE PRESENTATION" DOES EMBASSY MEAN THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD SIMPLY TALK FOR FIVE MINUTES? ALTERNATIVELY, WOULD THIS BE Q AND A SESSION WITH ONE OR MORE INTERROGATORS? DEPUTY SECRETARY MIGHT AGREE TO BRIEF Q AND A SESSION IF QUESTIONS WERE SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE. FYI: DEPUTY SECRETARY PREFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION IN GREATER DEPTH WITH OPINION LEADERS, RATHER THAN USUAL TV FORMAT WHICH PERMITS ONLY SUPERFICIAL COMMENT WITHIN LIMITED TIME. END FYI. PLEASE PROVIDE A FULLER DESCRIPTION OF MEETINGS WITH MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE DEPUTY SECRETARY MAKES FINAL DECISION. ALSO, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHY AFTEN POSTEN HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL INTERVIEW ON SEPT. 9. DEPUTY SECRETARY IS NOT ADVERSE TO THIS IF IT HAS EMBASSY'S SUPPORT.

5. PARTY HOLDS AIR TICKETS TO BERGEN BUT ASSUMES EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE (ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS) TICKETS FROM BERGEN TO OSLO VIA FLAM AND MYRDAHL. FOR LOWENSTEIN ALSO.

6. WHEN PARTY TRANSITS OSLO ON EVENING OF FRIDAY, SEPT. 5, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY OFFICER BEING PRESENT TO TAKE POSSESSION OF CLASSIFIED BRIEFING BOOKS (FOR STORAGE AT EMBASSY) AS WELL AS PERSONAL BAGGAGE WHICH WILL NOT BE REQUIRED DURING BERGEN SIDE-TRIP. INGERSOLL

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